

REMARKS

The present amendment makes editorial changes and corrects typographical errors in the specification, which includes the Abstract, in order to conform the specification to the requirements of United States patent practice. No new matter is added. Included is a Substitute Specification including a marked-up version of the changes made via by the present amendment.

In addition, the present amendment cancels original claims 1-11 in favor of new claims 12-29. Claims 12-29 have been presented because revisions by red-lining and underlining which would have been necessary in claims 1-11 in order to present this claim in accordance with preferred United States patent practice would have been too extensive, and, thus, too burdensome. The present amendment is intended for clarification purposes only and not for substantial reasons related to patentability pursuant to U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Indeed, the cancellation of claims 1-11 does not constitute an intent on the part of the Applicants to surrender any of the subject matter of claims 1-9.

Finally, the International Search Report is included in the record accompanying the International Patent Document WO 03/060877.

Early consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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